Abraham Pierce House (Spruance House) Smyrna, Delaware

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SPRUANCE HOUSE Smyrna, Kent County, Delaware.

Owner: Miss Mary Spruance.

Present Condition: Good. Modern (Colonial) porches on north east end and front detract from the appearance of age which this house otherwise would have.

Number of Stories: One and a half.

Materials of Construction: Briok (Flemish bond on front).

Other Existing Records: Office of Recorder of Deeds of Kent County, Dover, Delaware.

Additional Data: The large 15 over 15 light window, on the front, gives character to the house. The garden additions are picturesque. The gambrel roof is an interesting variant from the single slant type and indicates Dutch influence. The three dormer windows, possibly later additions, do not detract from the character of the house. Also the effect of the chimneys is good. The small one story rear building appears to have been at one time separated from the main house, with the connecting wings later additions.

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